
Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Statistical Report

for Injury Years 1998 – 2004

This report summarizes information reported to the court by employers and insurers for work-related injuries and illnesses that occurred during calendar years 1998 through 2004, regardless of the year in which the reports were filed. The data includes information reported through April 30, 2005 and is compiled in the tables described below in accordance with the year in which the injury occurred.

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Table 1 — Injuries Reported by Gender							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Female	19,745	20,604	20,823	22,293	24,398	24,509	24,302
Male	31,038	31,157	32,582	36,636	40,030	40,384	42,021
Unreported	403	1,853	4,663	4,169	2,758	2,101	990
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

Table 2 — Injuries Reported by Age							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
17 Years & Under	618	659	799	908	1,192	1,170	1,118
18-19 Years	1,705	1,819	1,859	2,198	2,764	2,626	2,646
20-29 Years	12,904	13,362	14,396	15,479	17,282	17,173	17,115
30-39 Years	11,375	12,375	13,676	15,222	16,917	17,381	17,507
40-49 Years	12,815	13,501	13,941	14,909	15,493	14,834	14,532
50-59 Years	8,706	8,791	8,602	8,727	8,612	8,439	7,779
60-69 Years	2,563	2,611	2,357	2,390	2,340	2,242	2,133
70+ Years	463	459	480	435	427	379	352
Unreported	37	37	1,958	2,830	2,159	2,750	4,131
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

Table 3 — Injuries Reported by Occupation*							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Administrative Support, Clerical	1,151	2,976	3,246	3,537	3,775	3,617	3,662
Executive, Administrative, Managerial	347	833	835	1,106	1,452	1,266	1,592
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	264	733	913	1,239	1,330	1,291	1,351
Handlers, Helpers, Laborers	5,222	18,059	18,968	19,585	19,168	20,184	21,359
Operators, Fabricators, Laborers	940	2,814	3,474	4,564	5,171	5,538	5,924
Precision Production, Craft, Repair	1,751	5,541	6,397	7,855	9,815	9,368	9,638
Professional Specialty	1,054	2,556	2,781	2,776	3,172	2,732	2,671
Sales	1,040	2,998	3,047	3,173	3,111	3,000	2,746
Service	3,304	9,409	10,661	11,244	11,934	12,127	11,388
Technicians, Related Support	704	2,150	2,497	2,218	2,347	2,255	1,956
Transportation	1,732	4,665	4,990	5,716	5,847	5,601	5,017
Other	33,677	880	259	85	64	15	9
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

* Classified according to the Standard Occupational Classification system of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 4 — Injuries Reported by Part of Body*							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Back	7,332	8,020	9,121	9,732	9,884	9,035	8,361
Body As A Whole	20	36	23	1	1	0	0
Head	5,626	5,872	6,518	7,144	7,782	7,350	7,816
Knee	3,453	3,619	3,720	3,965	4,064	3,919	3,737
Lower Extremities	5,670	5,838	6,196	6,722	7,293	7,359	7,120
Multiple Body Parts	4,706	4,827	5,137	6,075	6,212	7,008	7,715
Neck	874	872	1,047	1,128	960	990	810
Trunk	2,770	2,682	2,827	3,037	3,759	4,481	4,984
Upper Extremities	18,208	19,198	20,581	22,132	23,834	23,582	23,569
Wrist	2,527	2,650	2,898	3,162	3,397	3,270	3,201
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

* Classified according to the Detailed Claim Information format of the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Table 5 — Injuries Reported by Cause of Injury*							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Burn/Scald-Heat/Cold Exposure	1,979	1,861	2,318	2,945	3,087	2,864	2,974
Caught In Or Inbetween	2,231	2,412	2,421	2,732	2,872	2,527	2,520
Fall Or Slip Injury	9,241	9,683	9,209	11,561	10,549	10,839	10,357
Injured By Cut, Puncture Or Scrape	5,772	5,849	6,506	7,083	8,830	9,766	10,161
Motor Vehicle	1,134	1,093	1,188	1,232	1,191	1,230	1,229
Rubbed Or Abraded	227	218	239	211	237	151	153
Strain	15,369	16,183	18,491	19,076	20,841	20,942	20,302
Striking Against Or Stepping On	3,144	3,378	3,577	3,758	3,429	2,768	2,753
Struck	6,861	7,079	7,711	7,540	8,283	8,301	8,225
Miscellaneous Causes	5,228	5,858	6,408	6,960	7,867	7,606	8,639
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

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Table 6 — Injuries Reported by Nature of Injury*							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Amputation	114	128	144	155	187	144	141
Bruise Or Swelling	8,970	9,539	9,747	10,835	11,029	9,849	7,871
Burn Or Exposure	1,511	1,520	1,784	1,910	2,089	2,181	2,433
Cut Or Abrasion	11,423	11,961	13,169	14,185	15,623	15,828	16,210
Fracture	1,882	1,952	1,936	2,188	2,264	2,158	2,126
Multiple Injuries	934	778	824	1,021	1,311	1,975	2,570
Occupational Disease	446	477	503	549	629	535	524
Repetitive Motion	1,107	1,147	1,223	1,218	1,323	1,053	833
Sprain Or Rupture	19,657	20,275	22,564	24,333	23,557	21,819	20,384
All Other Claims, NOC	5,142	5,837	6,174	6,704	9,174	11,452	14,221
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

* Classified according to the Detailed Claim Information format of the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

Table 7 — Injuries Reported by Industry*							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Accommodation & Food Services	2,396	2,747	3,154	3,222	3,771	3,856	3,692
Administrative & Support, Waste Management, & Remediation Services	1,835	2,669	2,776	2,288	2,822	2,939	2,511
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	1,136	1,093	1,219	1,295	1,551	1,322	1,188
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	365	235	161	144	158	123	130
Construction	3,334	3,730	4,048	4,462	5,179	5,377	5,773
Educational Services	2,770	2,821	2,811	3,115	2,908	3,494	3,687
Finance & Insurance	593	624	745	1,200	1,623	964	785
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,267	6,996	6,734	6,554	6,909	7,900	7,674
Information	996	853	765	684	750	1,582	1,774
Company & Enterprise Management	742	247	133	130	93	76	95
Manufacturing	9,712	10,400	12,136	14,593	16,919	16,846	18,281
Mining	147	162	149	160	157	100	110
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	1,332	1,011	1,582	1,835	1,521	876	863
Public Administration	5,420	5,728	6,006	6,008	5,077	3,145	2,599
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	342	359	379	415	495	486	462
Retail Trade	4,489	4,948	4,945	5,310	5,940	6,137	6,133
Transportation & Warehousing	4,102	4,092	4,766	5,303	5,232	5,325	4,918
Utilities	451	497	538	543	596	753	831
Wholesale Trade	2,483	2,885	3,177	3,544	4,107	4,425	4,632
Other Services	1,262	1,406	1,377	1,567	1,172	1,071	1,158
Unknown	2,012	111	467	726	206	197	17
Total	51,186	53,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313

* Classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes published by the Office of Management & Budget.

Table 8 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$606,201.54	\$1,423,252.49	\$1,508,686.81	\$1,661,470.65	\$1,768,120.54	\$1,745,981.21	\$1,676,925.68
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	947	1,313	1,481	1,526	1,592	1,579	1,531
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$640.13	\$1,083.97	\$1,018.69	\$1,088.78	\$1,110.63	\$1,105.75	\$1,095.31
Temporary Total							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$9,690,356.69	\$19,705,906.86	\$25,374,091.51	\$31,196,445.49	\$29,691,635.52	\$27,743,730.99	\$25,194,694.76
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	4,782	5,712	6,233	6,573	6,567	6,575	6,642
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$2,026.42	\$3,449.91	\$4,070.93	\$4,746.15	\$4,521.34	\$4,219.58	\$3,793.24
Permanent Partial Scheduled							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,179,844.02	\$9,986,311.27	\$13,939,521.69	\$16,463,083.82	\$16,437,730.38	\$16,090,988.74	\$14,245,286.28
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	677	1,819	2,209	2,423	2,247	2,126	2,062
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$4,696.96	\$5,490.00	\$6,310.33	\$6,794.50	\$7,315.41	\$7,568.67	\$6,908.48
Permanent Partial Unscheduled							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$461,396.20	\$2,490,181.89	\$4,071,417.36	\$5,589,406.54	\$5,928,395.20	\$6,419,958.51	\$5,567,511.99
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	117	487	678	809	891	943	828
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$3,943.56	\$5,113.31	\$6,005.04	\$6,909.03	\$6,653.64	\$6,808.02	\$6,724.05
Permanent Total							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$72,944.16	\$213,479.15	\$350,403.96	\$288,949.33	\$615,133.99	\$599,586.11	\$845,285.13
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	11	33	33	17	24	16	24
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$6,631.29	\$6,469.07	\$10,618.30	\$16,997.02	\$25,630.58	\$37,474.13	\$35,220.21
Medical							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$54,093,336.66	\$97,829,431.30	\$107,056,554.45	\$104,948,463.42	\$104,323,707.25	\$92,776,840.18	\$84,056,105.62
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	28,986	32,077	32,688	32,658	35,484	36,485	38,415
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,866.19	\$3,049.83	\$3,275.10	\$3,213.56	\$2,940.02	\$2,542.88	\$2,188.11
Death							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$315,095.15	\$503,625.48	\$1,321,806.66	\$1,230,528.14	\$914,345.90	\$1,459,165.04	\$825,952.00
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	24	26	38	29	19	25	20
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$13,128.96	\$19,370.21	\$34,784.39	\$42,432.00	\$48,123.47	\$58,366.60	\$41,297.60
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$939,708.97	\$8,591,580.90	\$19,989,069.42	\$29,154,467.12	\$32,017,295.88	\$33,444,048.54	\$34,371,721.41
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	158	700	1,344	1,693	1,935	2,008	2,075
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$5,947.53	\$12,273.69	\$14,872.82	\$17,220.59	\$16,546.41	\$16,655.40	\$16,564.69

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Table 8 — Payments Reported by Benefit Type (Continued)							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Vocational Rehabilitation							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$310,408.20	\$1,090,144.03	\$1,637,163.72	\$2,664,570.55	\$2,516,975.63	\$2,656,190.16	\$2,750,599.88
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	240	472	500	663	654	675	690
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,293.37	\$2,309.63	\$3,274.33	\$4,018.96	\$3,848.59	\$3,935.10	\$3,986.38
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,365,738.31	\$2,913,897.74	\$3,862,983.65	\$4,010,340.41	\$4,002,052.69	\$3,348,631.91	\$3,094,403.81
Injuries With Benefit Type Reported	982	951	1,604	3,334	3,759	3,529	3,910
Average Payment Per Injury With Benefit Type Reported	\$1,390.77	\$3,064.04	\$2,408.34	\$1,202.86	\$1,064.66	\$948.89	\$791.41

Table 9 — Payments Reported by Injury							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Temporary Partial							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$606,201.54	\$1,423,252.49	\$1,508,686.81	\$1,661,470.65	\$1,768,120.54	\$1,745,981.21	\$1,676,925.68
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$11.84	\$27.05	\$25.98	\$26.33	\$26.32	\$26.06	\$24.91
Temporary Total							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$9,690,356.69	\$19,705,906.86	\$25,374,091.51	\$31,196,445.49	\$29,691,635.52	\$27,743,730.99	\$25,194,694.76
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$189.32	\$374.54	\$436.97	\$494.41	\$441.93	\$414.12	\$374.29
Permanent Partial Scheduled							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$3,179,844.02	\$9,986,311.27	\$13,939,521.69	\$16,463,083.82	\$16,437,730.38	\$16,090,988.74	\$14,245,286.28
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$62.12	\$189.80	\$240.06	\$260.91	\$244.66	\$240.19	\$211.63
Permanent Partial Unscheduled							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$461,396.20	\$2,490,181.89	\$4,071,417.36	\$5,589,406.54	\$5,928,395.20	\$6,419,958.51	\$5,567,511.99
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$9.01	\$47.33	\$70.11	\$88.58	\$88.24	\$95.83	\$82.71
Permanent Total							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$72,944.16	\$213,479.15	\$350,403.96	\$288,949.33	\$615,133.99	\$599,586.11	\$845,285.13
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1.43	\$4.06	\$6.03	\$4.58	\$9.16	\$8.95	\$12.56

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Table 9 — Payments Reported by Injury (Continued)							
	Year of Injury						
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Medical							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$54,093,336.66	\$97,829,431.30	\$107,056,554.45	\$104,948,463.42	\$104,323,707.25	\$92,776,840.18	\$84,056,105.62
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,056.80	\$1,859.38	\$1,843.64	\$1,663.26	\$1,552.76	\$1,384.85	\$1,248.74
Death							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$315,095.15	\$503,625.48	\$1,321,806.66	\$1,230,528.14	\$914,345.90	\$1,459,165.04	\$825,952.00
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$6.16	\$9.57	\$22.76	\$19.50	\$13.61	\$21.78	\$12.27
Settlement (Compromised Unspecified)							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$939,708.97	\$8,591,580.90	\$19,989,069.42	\$29,154,467.12	\$32,017,295.88	\$33,444,048.54	\$34,371,721.41
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$18.36	\$163.29	\$344.24	\$462.05	\$476.55	\$499.21	\$510.63
Vocational Rehabilitation							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$310,408.20	\$1,090,144.03	\$1,637,163.72	\$2,664,570.55	\$2,516,975.63	\$2,656,190.16	\$2,750,599.88
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$6.06	\$20.72	\$28.19	\$42.23	\$37.46	\$39.65	\$40.86
Other (includes legal fees, mileage, etc.)							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$1,365,738.31	\$2,913,897.74	\$3,862,983.65	\$4,010,340.41	\$4,002,052.69	\$3,348,631.91	\$3,094,403.81
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$26.68	\$55.38	\$66.53	\$63.56	\$59.57	\$49.98	\$45.97
Total							
Payments Reported for Benefit Type	\$71,035,029.90	\$144,747,811.11	\$179,111,699.23	\$197,207,725.47	\$198,215,392.98	\$186,285,121.39	\$172,628,486.56
Total Injuries Reported	51,186	52,614	58,068	63,098	67,186	66,994	67,313
Average Payment Per Injury Reported	\$1,387.78	\$2,751.12	\$3,084.51	\$3,125.41	\$2,950.26	\$2,780.62	\$2,564.57